

Niger

Global Youth Tobacco Survey (GYTS)

FACT SHEET



The Niger GYTS includes data on prevalence of cigarette and other tobacco use as well as information on five determinants of tobacco use: access/availability and price, environmental tobacco smoke exposure (ETS), cessation, media and advertising, and school curriculum. These determinants are components Niger could include in a comprehensive tobacco control program.

The Niger GYTS was a school-based survey of students in 6eme, 5eme and 4eme, conducted in 2001. A two-stage

cluster sample design was used to produce representative data for all of Niger. At the first stage, schools were selected with probability proportional to enrollment size. At the second stage, classes were randomly selected and all students in selected classes were eligible to participate. The school response rate was 100%, the student response rate was 80.2%, and the overall response rate was 80.2%. A total of 2045 students participated in the Niger GYTS.

Prevalence

29.6% of students had ever smoked cigarettes (Male = 43.2%, Female = 11.9%)
 22.3% currently use any tobacco product (Male = 27.3%, Female = 14.2%)
 16.7% currently smoke cigarettes (Male = 24.8%, Female = 6.5%)
 10.3% currently use other tobacco products (Male = 8.6%, Female = 9.9%)
 12.5% of never smokers are likely to initiate smoking next year

Knowledge and Attitudes

34.2% think boys and 23.5% think girls who smoke have more friends
 27.5% think boys and 21.9% think girls who smoke look more attractive

Access and Availability - Current Smokers

25.8% usually smoke at home
 33.8% buy cigarettes in a store
 73.6% who bought cigarettes in a store were NOT refused purchase because of their age

Environmental Tobacco Smoke

44.9% live in homes where others smoke in their presence
 71.8% are around others who smoke in places outside their home
 57.2% think smoking should be banned from public places
 51.6% think smoke from others is harmful to them
 17.4% have one or more parents who smoke
 13.5% have most or all friends who smoke

Cessation - Current Smokers

71.8% want to stop smoking
 75.9% tried to stop smoking during the past year

Media and Advertising

77.5% saw anti-smoking media messages, in the past 30 days
 66.3% saw pro-cigarette ads in newspapers or magazines, in the past 30 days
 34.7% have an object with a cigarette brand logo
 18.1% were offered free cigarettes by a tobacco company representative

School

43.3% had been taught in class, during the past year, about the dangers of smoking
 33.8% had discussed in class, during the past year, reasons why people their age smoke
 40.1% had been taught in class, during the past year, the effects of tobacco use

Highlights

- 22% of students currently use any form of tobacco; 17% currently smoke cigarettes; 10% currently use some other form of tobacco.
- ETS exposure is high – over 4 in 10 students live in homes where others smoke in their presence; 7 in 10 are exposed to smoke in public places; almost 2 in 10 have parents who smoke.
- Half of students think smoke from others is harmful to them.
- Almost 6 in 10 students think smoking in public places should be banned.
- 7 in 10 smokers want to quit.
- 3 in 4 students saw anti-smoking media messages in the past 30 days; 2 in 3 students saw pro-cigarette ads in the past 30 days.